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RESTRICTED**SECURITY INFORMATION****ON THE STUDY OF POLITICS AND ECONOMICS**

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/Summary Translation/

Beginning this term, the Party and the Students' Association are urging us to study the New Democracy, observing relative emphasis and systematically. I have responded to this appeal; the following is a resume of the experience which I have gathered in the past 3 months.

How Study with Relative Emphasis Can be Carried Out?

1. Centering focus of attention on one book to master it while referring to other works on particular questions.
2. Centering focus of attention on one problem, questioning difference of opinion of author to arrive at a consistent solution.
3. Meditating after reading to derive at a proper solution to a problem; this must be carried out by concentrating very hard on such problem.
4. Marking with red pencil any passage of importance if the copy belongs to you; if a borrowed copy, notes on author, title, etc., must be taken, for future reference. All passages which are not clear, questionable, etc., must be noted down when reading the book to permit one to review them later.

Experience in Study

Certain advantages have become apparent and have manifested themselves; they are:

1. Focus one's attention on a text, avoiding wasting of time, with a clear-cut aim; this should be carried out systematically under a plan to achieve the maximum efficiency.

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2. Focussing one's attention on one book at a time, reading it systematically to gain overall understanding and to achieve a discriminative appreciation of the text.

3. Focussing one's attention on one problem at a time, integrating theories outlined in the text with example from real life.

4. Using notes to increase efficiency.

In the study of politics and economics, it is well to remember that certain tendencies must be avoided. They are:

1. Avoiding too much stress on lessons which will lead to lack of recreation time and will make one astray from the masses.

2. Avoiding the practice of exercise continuous caution which will lead one to the point of forgetting reality. I nearly was caught in the morass of idealism through such failure.

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